

"There's so many different styles," she said of the faculty show.

Zachary Breeze, who teaches computer-aided drafting at the high school, is a case-in-point. His piece, called "The Pool Hall," is a 3-D image created using a computer.

"I use a program called Solid Works," he said. "Basically, you create an object in the program and make it three dimensional."

Remington Middle School art teacher Rosanne Gosch contributed two abstract pieces which, she said, are "very different from anything I had ever made before," having been classically trained.

As a teacher, she said, she usually shares work in the form of project examples and demonstrations. But the faculty art show, she said, "is a little bit more personal, inviting the public, and not just our students, to have a peek into our private selves."

"I'm always very comfortable showing off other people's work, but a little protective of my own, so this is a good opportunity for me to just get over myself already," she said.

Jefferson Elementary School art teacher Jennifer McCarthy created a still life in oil and a pastel from a class she took this summer on Cape Cod.

What inspires her, she said, "is the message we can send and portray with the images we create."

Being able to share the work is key, and McCarthy loves that Franklin's art teachers and students have somewhere to do that.

"I think the gallery really sends a message that art is important, we appreciate its value and look at all the great work that is being produced by our teachers and by the students," she said.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ED VOLLENWEIDER

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Ed Vollenweider, a community leader, and World War II hero, and mourn him upon his passing at age 87.

Born in Chicago, Illinois in 1921, the son of Swiss immigrants, Ed Vollenweider grew up on a small dairy farm in New Glarus, Wisconsin. Ed joined the U.S. Air Force and became a successful B-26 bomber pilot garnering 72 missions in the European theater of World War II. One of the many B-26 planes he flew, Flak Bait, now rests in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. After his tour of duty ended, he briefly attended the University of Minnesota where he met and married Gloria Boehmke. Ed and Gloria owned and operated Larsen's Teal Lake Resort in Hayward, Wisconsin from 1947 to 1950. Sadly, in 1986 after 39 years of marriage, Ed's wife, Gloria passed away. In 1965, along with two partners, Ed opened the Detroit Truckstop in Woodhaven, Michigan, where he served as President and CEO. For 43 years, the Detroit Truckstop became an institution and landmark of southeast Michigan. Ed was also an active board member of the National Association of Truck Stop Operators, Michigan Trucking Association, Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, and the National Rifle Association.

Tragically, Ed passed away on September 28, 2008 and will be cherished as a devoted husband and father. To his wife, Faith, to his sons Edward and Billy, sisters Ruth Esser and

Hulda Wesner; and to everyone who knew and loved him, Ed was a dedicated member of his community who will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, during his lifetime, Ed Vollenweider enriched the lives of everyone around him by exhibiting courage, leadership, and spirit. As we bid farewell to this outstanding individual, I ask my colleagues to join me in mourning his passing and honoring his many years of loyal service to his community and our country.

HONORING REGINA CORBIN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mrs. McCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Regina Corbin for her remarkable contributions to her community. Ms. Corbin has led a life of selfless devotion that is inspiring to all. Over the course of her adult life, she has established a successful career, an admirable and distinguished record of service, and is a proud wife, mother, and grandmother.

Regina has always been passionate about helping others. She has worked two jobs, one for 29 years as a Registered Respiratory Therapist at North Shore LIJ and another at the Nassau County Board of Elections for the past 14 years, where she currently works.

Regina's service to the community is not limited to her work experience. Regina has and continues to take the initiative in being a proactive community leader and organizer. As a mother, she has been active in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of the America. Additionally, her continued support of Glory House Recovery, Inc., a residence recovery program designed specifically for women, is a testament to her good will. As a "Democratic Zone Leader", she has reached out to the community and educated citizens on the political process. In doing so, she has assisted countless men and women in drawing attention to their respective needs.

Her work has yielded tangible and productive change. After receiving a letter from an elementary school child in upstate New York whose friend was killed by an electronic gym door, she made it her priority to see that such a tragedy be prevented. As State PTA chairperson of the NYS Health/Safety and Juvenile Protection Committee, she used her unrelenting commitment and passion to get appropriate safety legislation adopted.

Regina's work is surely inspiring to us all, and I am immensely grateful to her for all she has done. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing the gratitude of the U.S. Congress for her extensive contributions to society.

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ED LOVE

HON. JOHN CONYERS JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude for my fellow jazz enthusiast and Detroit, Ed Love. For

more than 24 years, Ed Love has delighted listeners with "Destination Jazz: The Ed Love Program," on weekdays from 7 p.m. to midnight on WDET 101.9 FM. Ed's passion for jazz and radio extends all the way back to his youth in Kansas, when he was an avid listener of his mother's records and hosts like Dick Martin of WWL in New Orleans. After graduating from broadcasting school, Ed worked for Armed Forces Radio in several states and in the Philippines. Starting in 1960, he worked at various stations throughout Detroit until joining WDET in 1983. Ed has not only entertained Detroit radio listeners throughout his impressive career, but also spent six years hosting a nationally syndicated program entitled "The Evolution of Jazz," educating and entertaining listeners on 125 stations from coast to coast.

Ed was honored for his contribution to the world of jazz with the "Distinguished Achievement Award" from the Motor City Music Foundation. Ed was recognized by the Friends of the Detroit Institute of Arts with the "Dr. Alan Locke Award" in 1999 for his contributions to the arts. He's earned two "Spirit of Detroit Awards" from Detroit Mayors Coleman A. Young and Dennis W. Archer. The Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Senate, the Congressional Black Caucus and the National Broadcast Awards have all recognized him for his profound knowledge and love of jazz. The Southeast Michigan Jazz Association (SEMJA) recognized Ed for his outstanding contribution to jazz and the arts. In 2005, Ed received the "Detroit Jazz Guardian" Award from the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts and the Detroit International Jazz Festival. Ed was also honored in 2005 with the "Distinguished Arts Achievement" award from the Oakland County chapter of The Links. He has also served as the senior program consultant for the Detroit International Jazz Festival since 2000.

In the wake of the collapse of the International Association of Jazz Educators, Ed Love and other jazz advocates will be even more important in the preservation of one of our Nation's treasures and original art forms, jazz. I know that as long as jazz has stewards like Ed Love, we can be assured that it will be taught and will thrive the future. Through his work, Ed Love has and will continue to inspire generations of performers, educators, and students for years to come.

CELEBRATING FILIPINO AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

HON. NEIL ABERCROMBIE

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Filipino American Heritage Month. It is with great pleasure that I join Filipinos across the country in recognizing the history, culture, and accomplishments of Filipino Americans. Filipino American Heritage Month has been celebrated nationwide every October since 1988, and the Hawaii State Legislature, on April 15, 2008, was the first governing body to officially recognize the month.

There are nearly 4 million people of Filipino descent in the United States, and a sizeable

population of this group resides in my home State of Hawaii. Filipino Americans have been in the United States since the 18th century and have been in Hawaii since 1906, when the first Filipino migrant laborers came to Hawaii to work on the sugar and pineapple plantations. Those Filipinos, their descendants, and the recent immigrants to Hawaii and America have made an indelible impact on our culture, and we should be sure to take this month to recognize the contributions of Filipino Americans.

While Filipinos have made great contributions to America, it is important that we not overlook the needs of the community, including a fair and sensible immigration policy. I chair the Immigration Task Force of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, CAPAC, and I will continue to fight for the needs of families within the immigration debate.

One of the major issues for the Filipino Americans and other Asian Pacific American communities is family reunification: allowing relatives of legal permanent residents, other than spouses and minor children, to immigrate legally and join their families. It can take the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as long as 23 years to even consider an application for a family member from the Philippines.

The extended family is a foundation in many of our cultures, and it provides real benefits to the greater society as well. Families often pool resources to educate children or purchase homes and establish roots in their communities. We often see extended family networks starting businesses, providing economic development and jobs. Congress must act to ensure that families who will contribute to American society are not punished by our immigration system.

The treatment of Filipinos who fought with the United States Armed Forces in World War II is also an issue of great concern for Filipino Americans and a dark spot in American History. The Philippines became a United States possession after Spain ceded it as part of the treaty ending the Spanish-American War in 1898. In 1934, Congress created a 10-year time frame for independence through the "Philippine Independence Act." However, since the Philippines remained a colonial possession until 1946 the United States retained the right to call upon military forces organized by the Philippine government into the United States Armed Forces.

On July 26, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a military order that brought the Philippine Commonwealth Forces under the control of the United States Armed Forces during World War II. These men bravely fought with our own troops during the war, and many perished or suffered severe wounds from the battles in the western Pacific Theater. After the surrender of Japan, Congress required the Philippine Forces to continue service their service. Many helped occupy lands, many oversaw military operations, and many made the ultimate sacrifice to secure our victory in World War II. Yet, when wartime service ended formally in 1946 they did not receive the same benefits and the same treatment as other American soldiers.

Yet, for all their heroic and courageous actions, Congress passed the "Recession Act" in February 1946. This essentially denied Filipino veterans any of the benefits that their

American comrades in arms received, including full access to veterans' health care; service-connected disability compensation, non-service connected disability compensation, dependent indemnity compensation, death pension, and full burial benefits. No other group of veterans has been systematically denied these benefits. While we are nearly out of time to right this wrong this Congress, I look forward to working with my colleagues in the 111th Congress on ensuring Filipino veterans the benefits they deserve.

Filipino Americans have enriched the fabric of America, and I am proud to celebrate Filipino American Heritage Month. I look forward to continuing to work with the Filipino American community to address the needs and concerns of Filipino Americans throughout the United States.

RECOGNIZING FAMILIA UNIDA LIVING WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Ms. SOLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the work and service that Familia Unida Living with Multiple Sclerosis, Familia Unida, contributes throughout California's 32nd Congressional District.

Familia Unida's mission is to enlighten, educate, and unite families that are affected by Multiple Sclerosis, MS, as well as other debilitating diseases. Though originally founded to provide culturally and linguistically sensitive resources to the Latino community dealing with MS, Familia Unida's outreach now extends into the entire MS community, providing services to any who request assistance in coping with this disease. Through events such as the 5th Annual Wheelchair Wash, Familia Unida continues to bring awareness to the importance of the inclusion of all persons, especially those living with disabilities, in our lives.

Familia Unida has enhanced the quality of life for many through its extensive services in obtaining health care access, as well as providing educational resources. As Familia Unida continues to honor its founding principles of providing culturally sensitive programs and support for those living with MS, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing its valued service and commitment to the MS community.

RECOGNIZING BOB SIKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, it is an honor for me to rise today to recognize Bob Sikes Elementary School on its fiftieth anniversary.

Named after Robert L. F. Sikes, the beloved former U.S. Representative of Crestview, Florida, Bob Sikes Elementary School upholds the same values and standards as its namesake.

Serving from 1941 until 1962, Congressman Sikes is still remembered for his hard work and dedication to the area. His image continues to live on in the exemplary institutions that adopt both his name and his commitment to excellence.

For 5 decades, Bob Sikes Elementary School has influenced the academic success of its students. The school houses an exceptional faculty whose outstanding teaching capabilities have enhanced the learning opportunities for those enrolled. The school's administration is equally impressive as it expertly balances the rigorous demands of running the school. It is the countless hours of service and dedication employed by the faculty and administration that have enabled the students at Bob Sikes Elementary to attain academic excellence.

In addition to the active academic environment, Bob Sikes Elementary maintains a strong sense of community and enables each of its students to feel special. Teachers take the time to recognize and reward students' individual talents and help foster a familial feel in the classrooms. After 50 years, multiple generations of Crestview families who have attended Bob Sikes Elementary look back fondly on the school that taught them to read, to be kind to others, to count, and so many other important lessons. It is a testament to the school's academic and administrative strengths that 5 decades of families have continued to send their children to this exemplary school. It is these same strengths that ensure its continued success and the enrollment of children for decades to come.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize Bob Sikes Elementary School on this outstanding achievement and for its exemplary service in the Okaloosa County School District.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 2, 2008

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I wish to recognize The Heritage Foundation on the 35th anniversary of their founding. Since 1973, Heritage has been a stalwart in promoting and educating the American people on the merits of conservative, free market principles. Their belief in the power of individual liberty, American values, and limited government is matched by their dedication to a strong national defense.

The Heritage Foundation has been intricately involved in the rise of modern conservatism. It has benefited from the strong leadership of individuals like Executive Vice President and CEO Phillip Truluck. Phil is a native of South Carolina and graduate of the University of South Carolina. Additionally, the late Tom Roe of Greenville, South Carolina, was a longtime trustee and endowed the Thomas A. Roe Institute of Economic Policy at The Heritage Foundation.

From its influence in the days of the Reagan Revolution to the Contract with America and in promoting a strong national defense and sound economic growth in the aftermath of